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A COMMUNICATION BY MAYOR BILL CAMPBELL
A COMMUNICATION TO APPOINT MS. RITA
JACKSON SAMUELS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF
THE ATLANTA COMMISSION ON WOMEN. THIS
APPOINTMENT IS TO FILL THE VACANCY OF
MS. CHERYL FRANKLIN'S UN-EXPIRED TERM,
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF
COUNCIL CONFIRMATION.

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MAYOR'S ACTION



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CITY OF ATLANTA

BILL CAMPBELL
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November 29, 2000

President Robert Pitts &
Members of Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Re: Appointment to the Atlanta Commission on Women

Dear President Pitts and Members of Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint **Ms. Rita Jackson Samuels** to serve as a member of the **Atlanta Commission on Women**. This appointment is to fill the vacancy of Ms. Cheryl Franklin's un-expired term, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am certain that Ms. Jackson Samuels will serve the City of Atlanta with distinction.

I respectfully urge confirmation of this appointment.

Sincerely,

Bill Campbell

Enclosures

Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc.

Rita Jackson Samuels

Biography

Rita Jackson Samuels has been involved with women's advocacy for over twenty years. She is the Founder and has served as Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc., a women's advocacy training and development organization, since 1980. As Executive Director of the Georgia Coalition of Black Women, Inc. She has designed, developed and written several proposals, focused on leadership training, citizenship education and programs which impact women and girls in particular. She is on the Board of the National Women's History Museum and was recently selected by Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter as a Rosalynn Carter Fellow at the Emory Institute of Women's Studies. In 1999 she founded the Women in Government Internship Program to assist young women interested in careers in government..

In 1997 and 1998 she was selected by the Atlanta Business League as one of the 100 Most Influential Black Women in Atlanta. In 2000 she was selected by the Atlanta Chapter of the National Negro Business and Professional Women as the 2000 Business Woman of the Year.

Rita Jackson Samuels was the first black female in Georgia's history to serve on the personal staff of a Georgia Governor. In 1971 she was then Governor Jimmy Carter's Coordinator of the Governor's Council on Human Relations. During Carter's term as Governor, he selected her to direct and coordinate the hanging of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s portrait in the State Capitol, as well as, Bishop Henry McNeal Turner and Mrs. Lucy Craft Laney, the first African Americans so honored by a Georgia Governor.

She worked as a consultant with the Carter White House Staff in 1977 as well as with the Community Services Administration. In 1983, Mrs. Samuels served as Director of former Mayor Andrew Young's Office of Citizens & Community Affairs. She also served on the national board of an anti-poverty rural development agency.

As a Commissioner of the Georgia Commission on Women, she served a four year term, the first two years on the Commission she served as Chair. She has been recognized for her work on behalf of Georgia women. In 1983 she was selected by the *Macon Informer* as one of the fifty(50) most influential black women in Georgia. She has been awarded the key to several small-towns, including her hometown of Forsyth, Georgia. Governor Joe Frank Harris appointed her to the State Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission, and the State Election Board. She was re-appointed to the King Commission by Governors Zell Miller and Roy Barnes. She is a former staff and National Board Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and is presently a Board Member of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center.

She attended Clarin University; Morris Brown College; Georgia State University; and Dimery Business College where she received Certification for successfully completing their courses of Business & Secretarial Study.

She and her husband Stanley, of more than 20 years, are members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA.

Biographies

Biographies include such categories and women as:

Associations

Sara Gonzalez
Corretta Scott King
Evelyn Gibson Lowrey

Business Executives

Judy Anderson
Mercedes Fung Armin
Juanita Baranco
Ingrid Saunders Jones

Communications

Ann Cox Chambers
Xenona Clayton

Educators

Shirley A.R. Lewis, Ph.D.
Linda Schrenko
Betty Lentz Siegel, Ph.D.

Georgia's First Ladies

Rosalynn Carter
Shirley Miller

Judges

Dorothy Toth Beasley
Leah Sears

Lawmakers

Georgia Legislative Women's Caucus
Cynthia McKinney

Mayors

Emma Gresham
Clara Roberts

Scientists

Linda Russell Addison, Ph.D.
Evangeline Thomas Papagorge, Ph.D.

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